

Prep School for Allan Blackledge

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Allan Blackledge who has been attending preparatory school at Annapolis, Maryland, for the past five months, and took the April examinations for entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy at that place, has received word that he successfully passed the examination.

There were 1800 candidates who took the examination and out of that number 450 passed, making the percentage 25. Heretofore, the percent passing has usually been from 30 to 40, so that Allan feels much gratified by reason of having been able to land in the winning bunch.

He received his appointment from Congressman Shallenbergerⁱ last fall and at once took a preliminary physical examination by a surgeon of the Navy stationed at Omaha. It was found that a surgical operation was necessary to fit him for the strict requirements of the Academy. This kept him in a hospital three weeks since which time he has attended preparatory school, and now seems fairly well assured of being able to get the great advantages given by this government school and

ⁱ **Ashton Cokayne Shallenberger** (December 23, 1862 – February 22, 1938) was a [Nebraska Democratic politician](#) and the [15th Governor](#) of Nebraska from 1909 to 1911. Shallenberger was born in [Toulon, Illinois](#). He was educated in the public schools and attended the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#). He was married to Eliza Zilg in 1885 and they had two children. Unsuccessful in running for [Senate](#) from Nebraska in 1912, Shallenberger was elected a congressman to the [64th](#) and [65th](#) congresses (1915–1919), but was unsuccessful in being reelected to the [66th](#) in 1918.

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